

The Value of Following

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In 2013, a Harvard student named Eva Shang penned a piece titled “You Do Not Have to Be a Leader” for the university’s student-run newspaper. She wrote, “You do not have to be a leader to matter. If you are truly passionate about making a difference, perhaps it is time to let go of the delusion that you must be a leader. Perhaps it is time to learn the value of following.”

Throughout his ministry, Jesus Christ taught the value of following! As Jesus proclaimed the gospel throughout Galilee, he felt compassion for the crowds because they were “harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd” (Matthew 9:36). Without a shepherd to follow, we are lost and vulnerable to the enemy.

Numerous times throughout the gospels, Jesus called others – “Follow me!” Jesus described himself as a leader in this way: “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand” (John 10:11, 27-28).

Eva Shang recognized that too many people want to be leaders and not enough people want to be followers. Why is leadership often more desirable to us than followership? Peter, a shepherd in the early church, knew the answer.

In 1 Peter chapter five verse four, Peter reminds his fellow shepherds that even they follow the chief Shepherd. In the very next verse, Peter commands Christians to follow the church leaders and be clothed with humility. Humility is required to be a follower! Peter recognized that pride can tempt us to desire leadership in ways that are self-serving.

Leaders matter. The Good Shepherd laid down his life for us, “and we out to lay down our lives for the brothers” (1 John 3:16). Jesus Christ is our example of leadership.

Followers matter, and we are all followers of the Good Shepherd. Don’t let pride hold you back from being a follower. Know that you can make a difference as a sheep, and you are well cared for by the Shepherd.

Caleb Boggs



Fill out your attendance card by scanning the code. Then you can save the address for next week!

His own people, eager to do what is good - Titus 2:14



Kay Anderson, Angela Bigbee, Fred Bukowich, Carl Cobb, David Conness, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tammy Crawford, Don Deffenbaugh, Judy Dorris, Vera Douthitt, Katherine Enfield, Joe Freund, Jason Giebler, James Honeycutt, Nathan Honeycutt, Molly Jackson, Jean Johnson, Alice Kitch, Dan Lazure, Marilyn Mayben, Scott Neel, Larry and Vickey Owen, Noah Reiboldt, Brandon Ross, Karl Stauffer, Jennifer Thogmartin, Edith Toney, Ken Tyler, Debi Wince.

Lawrence Sanders remains in the hospital. He is slowly recovering. No visitors at this time, but cards can be sent to Cox Medical Center South, Attn: Lawrence Sanders, Rm 847 Bed 1, 3801 S. National Ave, Springfield, MO. 64807

Carl Cobb will have surgery on Wednesday.

Harold Speir fell and broke his kneecap. He will have surgery when the swelling goes down.

Edith Toney had a good report on her cancer. There are no new legions and some have shown improvement. She is thankful for the good report and the prayers.

Every “One” Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. If you know of someone in need, please tell Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.



Today's Sermons

AM: *What Does the Holy Spirit Do for Christians Today?* (Danny Boggs)

PM: *You Can Know God* (Danny Boggs)

Join us today at 1:30 for a devotional at **Gran Villas**.

Please sign the **birthday cards** on the welcome desk for some children at TurnAround Ranch.

Gather at **Webwood** tomorrow at 6:00 for a time of singing with the residents there.

TriState Youth Series will be today at Vinita. The van will leave at 2:45.

Men's breakfast will be at 7:00 Thursday at Braum's. Start your day with food and fellowship.

There will be a “*Painting the Roses Red*” Valentine party for **kindergarten -Grade 5** and their siblings. The party will be Wednesday February 11 at 4:30 pm. We will play games, eat dinner and work on a service project before Bible classes. Please let Sarah Giebler or Coralee know if you are planning to attend. We want to have plenty of food.

Ladies Retreat will be February 27-March 1 in Branson. Registration fee is \$40 for the entire weekend or \$25 for Saturday only. Please see Heather Flint for a registration form. Registration fees can be given to Heather or Coralee.

Annie Flint is a senior this year. She has been involved in Lads to Leaders for many years. She is striving to get the Red Coat Award, the highest honor in Lads. She could use your help with one of her last projects. There is more information and the things that she needs on the back window. Stop by and read about the project and provide her with support if you can.

Ladies, mark your calendar for March 14, the date of the **Ladies Seminar**.

Affirming the Faith is March 6 - 7 in Oklahoma City. Information is on the bulletin board.

See the bulletin board for information on the **marriage retreat** through Polishing the Pulpit. You can find more details at smokymountainmarriage.com.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Today

AM Opening Prayer: Trace Wilson
AM Closing Prayer: Ethan Murray
Communion Prayer: Tucker Anderson
Prayer for the Offering: Ethan Middleton
PM Opening Prayer: Glen Honeycutt
PM Closing Prayer: Jaiden Fisher

This Wednesday

Announcements: Liam Hayes
Singing: Casey Flint
Invitation: Darren Pierce
Opening Prayer: Caden Miller
Closing Prayer: Colton James

RECORDS	1-25-26	1-26-25
Bible Study	snow	144
AM Worship	snow	180
PM Worship	snow	103
Wednesday	110	112
Contribution	\$2,165.60	\$8,802.00
Budget	\$9,410.00	\$8,500.00